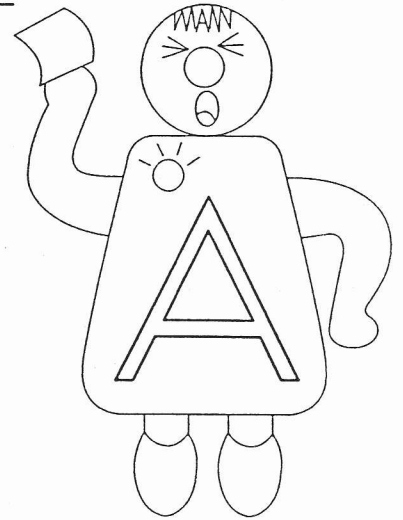


**Family  
Letter**  
**A**



Dear Family,

Hi! I'm Ms. A. If you're wondering why I look this way, it's because I sneeze a lot. (Maybe you didn't know it, but people can't sneeze with their eyes open!) I sneeze when I'm happy. And I'm happy most of the time, so my favorite word is "a'choo." I pronounce the a in "a'choo" in a special way, just like the a in apple.

Your child has been given some homework. Maybe you can help. Your child has been asked to bring to school one picture cut out of an old magazine. The picture should be of something whose name starts with my "a'choo" sound. Remember now—that's the sound of a in apple. (Some words start with my letter, but with a different sound.)

Would you help your child find a picture like this, cut it out, and send it along to school? When the picture has been found, ask your child to Prove It, using the apple sound of a: "a-a-alligator" (for example). We would like to have all the pictures by

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Oh! One more thing: We have been talking in class about being helpers at home. Please let your child know—sometime in the next few days—how much you appreciate it when she or he helps at home.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

**Ms. A**